THE OFFICE OF CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY AND PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Chief Procurement Officer of the District of Columbia, pursuant to authority granted by section 204 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Act of 1985 ("PPA"), effective February 21, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-85; D.C. Official Code § 2-302.04 (2001)), and Mayor's Order 2002-207 (dated December 18, 2002), hereby gives notice of the adoption of the following emergency rules to amend Chapter 16 of Title 27 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (Contracts and Procurements). The rulemaking is intended to add a section of Chapter 16 concerning solicitations for design, development, construction and management of a District office building to be known as the Anacostia Gateway Government Center ("AGGC"). Similar rules previously authorized a two-step selection process in which the first step was to solicit statements of qualifications from firms or combinations of firms prior to the issuance of a request for proposals for development, construction, and management of the AGGC. The first step of the solicitation has been completed. The proposed rules allow the contracting officer the flexibility of soliciting only for design, development, and construction of the AGGC in the second step. The AGGC is planned to have not less than 150,000 gross square feet of usable space and to be constructed on a District-owned site in Ward 8. The purpose of this two-step process will be to select a developer whose offer will provide the best value to the District.

In the first step, prospective contractors were evaluated based on statements of their qualifications to perform the development, construction and initial management work, in order to enable the District to determine whether or not they are qualified to respond to a request for competitive sealed proposals ("RFP") to be issued subsequently under Chapter 16. The District's request for qualifications ("RFQ") served to maximize competition and dialogue between the District and the private development community, as well as to facilitate determination of the scope and timing of AGGC site development and corresponding issuance of the RFP.

On October 19, 2005, the Chief Procurement Officer adopted emergency rules to enable the Office of Contracting and Procurement ("OCP") to commence procedures to solicit and evaluate information from potentially qualified prospective contractors for this project through publication and issuance of an RFQ. Those rules were published in a Notice of Emergency Rulemaking in the *D. C. Register* on November 25, 2005, at 52 DCR 10422. In

reviewing the scope of work for the solicitation, OCP has determined that it would be in the best interest of the District to allow no more than the five-top-ranked offerors to be selected in the first step as qualified to submit proposals in the second step. Accordingly, action was taken on December 8, 2005, to adopt amended rules on an emergency basis effective on that date, to revise sections 1611.2(b), 1611.5(e), 1611.7, 1611.8 and 1611.9(a) of the rules adopted on October 19, 2005, and superseded those rules. Those rules were published in a Notice of Emergency Rulemaking in the *D.C. Register* on February 3, 2006, at 52 DCR 683. Action was taken on April 7, 2006 to continue those rules on an emergency basis effective on that date, and those rules were published in a Notice of Emergency Rulemaking in the *D.C. Register* on May 12, 2006 at 52 DCR 4011. Action was taken on August 3, 2006 to further continue those rules on an emergency basis. The emergency rules expired on December 1, 2006. Action was therefore taken on January 11, 2007 to adopt the following rules on an emergency basis, effective on that date.

Upon further review of the scope of work for the solicitation, OCP determined that it would be in the best interest of the District to allow the contracting officer the flexibility of soliciting only for design, development, and construction of the AGGC in the second step. Accordingly, action was taken on January 26, 2007, to adopt amended rules on an emergency basis effective on that date, to revise section 1611.9 of the rules adopted on January 11, 2007, and which superseded those rules. These rules were published in a Notice of Emergency Rulemaking in the *D.C. Register* on February 23, 2007 at 53 DCR 1695, and expired on May 26, 2007. Action was taken on June 5, 2007 to continue these rules on an emergency basis and those rules expired October 3, 2007. Action was taken on October 10, 2007 to continue these rules on an emergency basis and the current emergency rules will expire on February 7, 2008. Therefore action was taken on February 4, 2008 to continue these rules on an emergency basis. No changes have been made to the text of the proposed rules as published.

Without these emergency rules, OCP will not be able to complete the two-step process to select a developer for the Anacostia Gateway Government Center. Adoption of these emergency rules to amend Chapter 16 is thus necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety or welfare, in accordance with District law as codified at D. C. Official Code § 2-505(c) (2001). These emergency rules will remain in effect for up to one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of adoption or upon publication of a Notice of Final Rulemaking in the D.C. Register, whichever occurs first. The Chief Procurement Officer also gives notice that it is the intention of the Office of Procurement and Contracting to take final rulemaking action to adopt these amendments in no less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register.

CHAPTER 16

PROCUREMENT BY COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

Chapter 16 is amended by adding a new section 1611 to read as follows:

1611 SOLICITATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ANACOSTIA GATEWAY GOVERNMENT

CENTER

- Notwithstanding the provisions of § 1602, the purpose of this section is to adopt a two-step procurement method to be used for procurement of a contractor to develop, construct and initially manage the proposed Anacostia Gateway Government Center ("AGGC"). The first step will be a request for qualifications (RFQ) to enable the contracting officer to determine which prospective contractors are qualified to receive requests for proposals (RFP's) and submit responses to the RFP's, based on financial and professional responsibility criteria established by the contracting officer for pre-qualification of a prospective contractor to develop, construct and initially manage the AGGC.
- 1611.2 The District shall conduct the two-step selection process as follows:
 - (a) The first step consists of a request issued by the Office of Contracting and Procurement (OCP) for qualifications from a firm or combination of firms that has expertise, ability and entrepreneurship (i) to assemble the land, labor and capital necessary for the completion of the design, construction and management of the AGGC (as described by the District), (ii) to manage all components of the design and construction of a project of this size, (iii) to construct and complete the proposed project in a timely manner while serving the District's stated policy objectives, and (iv) to manage the land and operate the building after the construction of the AGGC is completed; and
 - (b) The second step of the two-step process involves the submission of proposals in response to an RFP issued by OCP to up to five offerors determined to be the most qualified in the first step. The only offerors who may submit proposals in response to the RFP in the second step are those offerors that (i) responded to the RFQ, and (ii) were determined to be the most qualified by the contracting officer.
- The contracting officer shall give public notice of the RFQ for development, construction and management of the AGGC in accordance with Chapter 13.
- 1611.4 The contracting officer shall utilize the two-step process set forth in section 1611.2 above on forms prescribed by the Director.
- 1611.5 The first step of the process shall consist of an RFQ inviting interested prospective contractors to respond in writing with a statement of their qualifications to perform the required services, including financial and professional responsibility information. The RFQ shall provide, at a minimum:
 - (a) A detailed description of the proposed AGGC site and the project;
 - (b) The District's intent of the project and the design;
 - (c) The selection process, schedule and criteria to be used by the District in determining which prospective contractors are qualified;
 - (d) Submission requirements and evaluation criteria that will be used to determine whether each prospective contractor is qualified; and
 - (e) A statement that only proposals from up to five offerors determined most qualified in the first step pursuant to subparagraphs (c) and (d) above will be

selected to submit proposals in the second step.

- 1611.6 The contracting officer may conduct oral or written discussions with all prospective contractors who submitted responses to the RFQ.
- 1611.7 The contracting officer may provide the information submitted by all prospective contractors in response to the RFQ to an evaluation panel who may recommend to the contracting officer, based upon their analysis of the information according to the criteria set forth in the RFQ, whether or not the prospective contractor is among the up to five most qualified to proceed to the second step.
- 1611.8 The contracting officer shall determine the financial and professional responsibility of each prospective contractor that responds to the RFQ, and whether the prospective contractor is among the up to five most qualified to proceed to the second step.
- 1611.9 The second step of the selection process shall follow the competitive sealed proposal procedures consistent with the requirements of this chapter, except as follows:
 - (a) The contracting officer shall issue an RFP only to up to five of the top-ranked offerors who have been determined most qualified in the first step;
 - (b) The contracting officer shall ensure that an independent cost/benefit analysis of each proposal be completed;
 - (c) The RFP shall not be advertised in newspapers or publicly posted; and
 - (d) The contracting officer may issue an RFP that includes only design, development, and construction of the AGGC.

All persons desiring to comment on the subject matter of this proposed rulemaking should file comments, in writing, to the Chief Procurement Officer, 441 4th Street, 700 South, Washington, D.C. 20001. Comments must be received no later than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*. A copy of this proposed rulemaking may be obtained at the same address.

MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY AND PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Mayor of the District of Columbia pursuant to the authority set forth in section 502 of the Revenue Act for Fiscal Year 1978, effective April 19, 1977, (D.C. Law 1-124, D.C. Official Code § 5-416), hereby gives notice of the adoption of the following amendments, on an emergency basis, to subsection 525.1 of Title 29 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR).

Pursuant to the D.C. Official Code § 5-416, "Emergency Ambulance Service Fees", the Mayor is authorized, after a public hearing, to establish the fee charged for transportation services provided by the District of Columbia. The Mayor hereby elects to exercise such authority and has scheduled a public hearing for March 28, 2008. The fees for emergency ambulance services have not been adjusted since 2003 and are much lower than comparable jurisdictions. Emergency rulemaking is necessary for the immediate preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the public to ensure continued, maximum availability of important emergency ambulance services in the District of Columbia.

The Mayor convened the Task Force on Emergency Medical Services ("Task Force") on April 4, 2007, as part of the District's settlement with the family of slain New York Times journalist David E. Rosenbaum. The Mayor charged the Task Force to examine the District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department (FEMS), through a series of public meetings, in order to help improve the delivery of emergency medical services within the District. The Task Force held its first meeting on April 17, 2007. It was comprised of persons with expertise in the area of emergency medical services, members of the Rosenbaum family and public officials, notably: the Mayor; City Administrator Dan Tangherlini; Council Chairman Vince Gray; Councilmember Mary Cheh; Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary; Michael Williams, Medical Director, FEMS; and Chief Richard Serino of Boston Emergency Medical Services. The Task Force was chaired by Chief Dennis Rubin, FEMS. Many of the meetings were open to the public.

This rulemaking amends the current rules governing fees for ambulance service transport by increasing the fees for Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support and establishing a fee for Advanced Life Support- Level 2, in order to make these respective fees similar to comparable cities. Further, the rulemaking includes a flat rate per mile charge for all respective levels of ambulance transport.

The emergency rulemaking was adopted on March 12, 2008, based on the entire series of meetings held by the Task Force, including public testimony presented. These emergency rules will become effective on March 21, 2008, and shall remain in effect for 120 days or until July 19, 2008 unless superseded by publication of a notice of final rulemaking in the *D.C. Register*, whichever comes first. These emergency and proposed rules shall supersede any existing final rules which were previously adopted.

The Mayor also gives notice of his intent to take final rulemaking action, following a public hearing, to adopt the amendments in not less than twenty (20) calendar days from the date of publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.

The Proposed Rulemaking comment period has been abbreviated because, in addition to having an opportunity to comment after publication of the proposed rules, the public will have ample opportunity to comment on the proposed increase to Emergency Ambulance Fees at the public hearing and to submit written comments following that hearing. In addition, the public has had an opportunity to comment on ambulance services, including fees, at the series of public meetings held by the Task Force.

A public hearing will be held on Friday, March 28, 2008 at the Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department, 1923 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004, at 10 a.m., to receive public testimony and comments on "The FEMS Proposed Increase in Ambulance Services Fees". Public witnesses who have contacted FEMS, in advance of the hearing, to be placed on the witness list are invited to present up to five (5) minutes of oral testimony. Written comments of any length will be accepted through April 10, 2008.

Subsection 525.1 of Title 29 DCMR is amended to read as follows:

- The following fees are hereby established for emergency ambulance life support service, and for the transportation of a person in a District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department emergency ambulance vehicle:
 - (a) Basic Life Support (BLS) Unit Transportation Fee: A fee of five hundred thirty dollars (\$530) shall be charged for the transportation of each person in any ambulance staffed by an Emergency Medical Technician, an Emergency Medical Technician/Driver or a Paramedic who administers basic life support to the person or persons being transported;
 - (b) Advanced Life Support (ALS) Unit Transportation Fee: A fee of eight hundred thirty two dollars (\$832) shall be charged for the transportation of each person in any ambulance staffed by Paramedics if advanced life support is actually administered, by such Paramedics, to the person being transported;
 - (c) Advanced Life Support- Level 2 (ALS2) Unit Transportation Fee: A fee of nine hundred fifty three dollars (\$953) shall be charged for the transportation of each person by ground ambulance vehicle requiring the provision of medically necessary supplies and services including (1) at least three separate administrations of one or more medications by intravenous push/bolus or by continuous infusion (excluding crystalloid fluids) or (2) ground ambulance

transport, medically necessary supplies and services, and the provision of at least one of the ALS2 procedures listed below:

- 1. Manual defibrillation/cardioversion;
- 2. Endotracheal intubation;
- 3. Central venous line;
- 4. Cardiac pacing;
- 5. Chest decompression;
- 6. Surgical airway; or
- 7. Intraosseous line; and
- (d) Total Mileage Transportation Fee: A fee of six dollars and six cents (\$6.06) per mile traveled, or any fraction thereof, shall be charged to each patient transported in any of the above noted methods.

Persons wishing to submit written comments on these emergency and proposed fees should submit their comments by April 10, 2008 to: Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department, Government of the District of Columbia, 1923 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004, attn: Ambulance Fee Comments. Copies of these proposed and emergency rules may also be obtained from this Office.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAXICAB COMMISSION NOTICE OF EMERGENCY AND PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Chairperson of the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission ("Chairperson"), pursuant to the authority set forth under section 105 of the 2005 District of Columbia Omnibus Authorization Act, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2023; D.C. Official Code § 50-381(a) (2007 Supp)), Mayor's Order, 2007-231, dated October 17, 2007, and Section 14(a) of the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Establishment Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-97; D.C. Official Code § 50-313(a) (2001)) hereby gives notice of the adoption, on an emergency basis, of amendments to Chapter 6, and the addition of Chapter 13 to Title 31 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations ("DCMR").

The emergency rulemaking supersedes the emergency rulemaking adopted by the chairperson on February 25, 2008 that became effective and was published on February 29, 2008. This revised emergency rulemaking is needed to implement the decision by the Mayor to change the date for requiring time and distance taximeters to be installed in licensed District of Columbia taxicabs from April 6, 2008 to May 1, 2008. Emergency action is necessary to ensure that a taximeter system can be implemented in the District of Columbia by May 1, 2008. If a taxi operator is caught operating a taxi without a meter or if a taximeter business installs an uncertified meter the individual or business is subject to fines on or after May 1, 2008. In order to maximize the time that taximeters businesses have to obtain licensing and for taxi operators to install taximeters in their vehicles it is necessary to immediately adopt the amendments to Chapters 6 and the addition of Chapter 13 to 31 DCMR. Implementing a meter system by May 1, 2008 will serve the safety and welfare of the public by providing a reliable taxicab fare system that is clear, transparent, and that allows for the maximum use of taxis for public transportation. In order to meet the May 1, 2008 deadline for beginning the taximeter system, it is necessary to immediately implement the amendments to Chapters 6 and the addition of Chapter 13 to 31 DCMR, which provide for the installation of taximeters and the licensing and regulation of taximeter companies.

The emergency rulemaking was adopted on March 14, 2008 and became effective immediately. The emergency rules will expire 120 days from the date of adoption or upon publication of a Notice of Final Rulemaking in the D.C. Register, whichever comes first.

The Chairperson also gives notice of his intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt the following rules, which include amendments to Chapters 6, 8, 10, 11, and 12, the relevant table of contents and appendices, indexes, and the addition of Chapter 13 to 31 DCMR. Proposed Rulemaking was last published on February 29, 2008 at 55 DCR 2147. The Proposed Rulemaking is being republished: 1) to allow an additional five (5) day comment period because of a typographical error in an earlier publication on January 25, 2008 at 55 DCR 777 that may have created ambiguity as to the deadline for submitting comments; and 2) because of a substantive change to the proposed rules previously published which extends the date by which time and distance taximeters have to be installed in taxicabs in the District of Columbia from April 6, 2008 to May 1, 2008.

The Proposed Rulemaking comment period has been abbreviated because the public and affected entities have already been given ample opportunity to comment. It is imperative that the rulemaking be promulgated so that the public, the taxicab operators, and related businesses understand their rights and responsibilities under the new taximeter system. Final rulemaking action to adopt these proposed rules shall be taken in not less than five (5) days from the date of publication of this notice in the D.C. Register.

Chapter 6, section 602 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

602 TAXIMETERS

- Effective May 1, 2008, licensed taxicabs shall be equipped with a taximeter which allows for calculation of the following rates and charges:
 - (a) Flag drop rate;
 - (b) Distance rate;
 - (c) Luggage charge;
 - (d) Radio dispatch charge;
 - (e) Fuel surcharge;
 - (f) Snow emergency; and
 - (g) Wait time charges.
- Effective May 1, 2008, licensed taxicabs shall be equipped with a taximeter which allows for the following data and reports:
 - (a) Customer receipts;
 - (b) Shift statistics, including but not limited to paid miles, unpaid miles, and the number of trips; and
 - (c) End-of-year statistics, including but not limited to paid miles, unpaid miles, and number of trips.
- Effective May 1, 2008 licensed taxicabs shall be equipped with a taximeter which shall meet the following requirements:
 - (a) Be fully electronic;

- (b) Have all access points sealed by a taximeter shop licensed by the Commission;
- (c) Have casings made of hard impenetrable plastic or metal;
- (d) Be capable of operating within a temperature range of -20 F and +120 F;
- (e) Be capable of automatically producing a printed receipt for passengers as described in § 803.1;
- (f) Be capable of releasing a printed receipt within ten (10) seconds;
- (g) Be capable of producing a printed report for Commission personnel which shows total mileage, total paid mileage, total trips, total units, and total extras. All these readouts must show a minimum of six (6) digits exclusive of decimals, for example 999,999. This function shall be operated by a separate button or switch;
- (h) Have the name and license number of the licensed taximeter shop on the sealed surface of all seals. If an adjustment can be made to any component affecting the performance of the printer, then provision shall be made for applying a seal in a manner which requires the seal to be broken before an adjustment can be made;
- (i) Have an auxiliary power source contained in the unit which operates independently of the vehicle's electrical system contained in the unit and operates the memory at its full capacity for a minimum of two (2) years;
- (j) Have a memory which shall be non-erasable. Upon reaching the limits of any display, the unit shall be capable of turning over;
- (k) Have a fully programmable fare structure with low-cost rate change capability;
- (l) For two (2) piece units, have a printer capable of interfacing with and recording information from a fully approved electronic taximeter;
- (m) For two (2) piece units, have all connections between the display meter and the memory/printer unit permanently sealed and tamper-proof by use of approved tubing or electrical conduits. The display unit must be unable to function if disconnected from the memory/printer unit;
- (n) Be capable of automatically making meter displays inoperable if printer paper is not available in the memory/printer unit;

- (o) Have model and serial numbers appearing on the face of the unit. For two (2) piece units, model and serial numbers must appear on the display unit and the memory/printer unit;
- (p) Have all operating buttons and/or switches related to passenger functions appearing on the face of the unit properly labeled, and indicating each function;
- (q) Have all extra charges appear separately on the display as well as the receipt for passengers. Extra charge indicator shall be illuminated when in operation;
- (r) Have the fare displayed for a total of fifteen seconds (15) from the time the printer begins to print the customer receipt at the completion of the ride;
- (s) Have a clearly visible fare display;
- (t) Have a receipt dispenser unit which is visible to the passenger;
- (u) Have sufficient candlepower so that all illuminated indicators are visible to the passenger;
- (v) Be permanently affixed to the vehicle in a location approved by the Commission;
- (w) Have a cruiser light that is controlled by the engaging of the meter;
- (x) Be capable of calculating and displaying the regular metered rate of fare required by section 801 in Chapter 8 of these regulations;
- (y) Use switches, wiring and wire caps in all connections to the taximeter harness, cruiser light wires and pulse wires that meet the specifications of the Society of Automotive Engineers, where such specifications are applicable. All of the ports and peripheral connections shall be physically secure from tampering that could disrupt the functionality or compromise the integrity of the taximeter; and
- (z) Meet the specifications and tolerances published in the National Bureau of Standards Handbook 44.
- Taximeters shall only be installed by taximeter businesses licensed by the Commission which meet the requirements in Chapter 13 of these Regulations.
- No taxicab shall be equipped with more than one taximeter.

- Each taximeter shall be sealed to avoid tampering and only a licensed taximeter business shall perform the sealing:
 - (a) Lead seals shall use a numbered seal press with an official inscription issued by the Commission;
 - (b) The taximeter business shall place a certification sticker, issued by the Commission on each taximeter that states the following:
 - (1) The taximeter's serial number;
 - (2) The date it was sealed;
 - (3) The name of the authorized sealer;
 - (4) The sealer's signature;
 - (5) The revolutions (constant "K") of the taximeter; and
 - (6) The wheel and tire size at the time of inspection and the recommended tire pressure.
- Each taximeter shall be tested once per year by a taximeter business licensed by the Commission. The annual inspection shall not be conducted by a taximeter business on taxicabs owned or affiliated with the taximeter business conducting the inspection. The annual inspection shall be identical to the inspection process identified in section 1324.1
- Each new taximeter unit submitted for approval to the Commission by the manufacturer, its licensed representative, or the taximeter business shall be subject to a testing period.
- Drivers shall comply with the following requirements as to the condition of the taximeter and cruiser lights:
 - (a) A driver shall not drive a taxicab unless all taximeter seals and cable housing seals are in good condition and pressed by the Commission or its authorized designee. The serial number of the taximeter must be the same as that shown on the rate card assigned to the taxicab;
 - (b) A driver shall not pick up or transport a passenger unless the taximeter is properly equipped with paper for the printing of receipts; and
 - (c) A driver while on duty shall not operate a taxicab unless the cruiser light is lit when the taximeter is not in use, and unlit when the taximeter is in use.

- Tampering with a taximeter, taximeter technology system or the cruiser light is prohibited:
 - (a) A driver shall not operate a taxicab in which the taximeter or the seals affixed thereto by a licensed taximeter repair shop have been tampered with, broken or altered in any manner. The operation of a taxicab with a broken taximeter seal shall give rise to a rebuttable presumption that the driver knew of the tampering or alteration and operated the taxicab with such knowledge;
 - (b) A driver shall not tamper with, repair or attempt to repair, or connect any unauthorized device to the taximeter or any seal, cable connection or electrical wiring thereof, or make any change in the vehicle's mechanism or its tires which would affect the operation of the taximeter;
 - (c) A driver shall not tamper with the cruiser light or any of the interior lights or connections except to replace a defective bulb or fuse. The cruiser light of a taxicab shall be automatically controlled only by the movement of the taximeter button or ignition switch so that it is lighted only when the taximeter is in an off or "Vacant" position and unlighted when the taximeter is in a recording or "Hired" position. The operation of a taxicab with an unauthorized installation or device controlling interior or cruiser lighting shall give rise to a rebuttable presumption that the driver knew of the unauthorized installation or device and operated the taxicab with such knowledge; and
 - (d) A driver shall not place tires or wheels of a different size, or "off-size" tires, on the taxicab without reinspection and recalibration of the meter. The driver shall not operate a taxicab with tires inflated outside the manufacturer's recommended level, be it "under" or "over inflated".

Subsection 608.1 is amended as follows:

- All taxicab vehicles shall be inspected semi-annually, or at other times as required by the Commission for the following:
 - (a) Safe operating condition and compliance with District of Columbia motor vehicle regulations with respect to the condition of the body and fenders, cleanliness, repairs, and other mechanical parts relating to both the exterior and interior condition of the taxi vehicle; and
 - (b) Broken or damaged taximeter seals.

Chapter 8 is amended as follows, and shall be effective May 1, 2008:

The table of contents of Chapter 8 is amended as:

801 Passenger Rates and Charges

Section 801 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

801 Passenger Rates and Charges

- Passenger rates and charges for metered taxicab service provided within the District of Columbia shall be in accordance with the charges established in this chapter. No person shall knowingly or intentionally charge an amount in excess of the rates and charges established in this chapter.
- The word "passenger" shall not include one child five (5) years of age or younger accompanied by an older person.
- For trips within the District of Columbia, the regular metered rate of fare is as follows:
 - (a) Three dollars (\$3.00) upon entry and first 1/6 of a mile;
 - (b) Twenty-five cents (\$0.25) for each one sixth of a mile after the first 1/6; and
 - (c) The wait rate is fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour.
- Wait time begins five (5) minutes after time of arrival at the place the taxicab was called. No time shall be charged for premature response to a call. Waiting time shall be charged for time consumed while the taxicab is stopped or slowed to a speed of less than ten miles per hour for longer than sixty (60) seconds and for time consumed for delays or stopovers en route at the direction of the passenger. Wait time shall be calculated in sixty (60) second increments. Wait time does not include time that is lost due to taxicab or driver inefficiency.
- Except for declared snow emergency fares provided for in § 804, the regular metered fare listed in § 801.3, not including extra charges and surcharges listed in § 801.6, shall not exceed \$19.00 for trips originating and ending and with all stops en route in the District of Columbia.
- 801.6 Extra charges or surcharges shall be as follows:
 - (a) <u>Telephone dispatch service</u> in response to a telephone call for taxicab service shall be two dollars (\$2.00);
 - (b) <u>Dismissal of a taxicab without use</u>, after response to a telephone call, shall be one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) in addition to the one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) charge for responding;

- (c) <u>Luggage including large bags of groceries or articles of similar size</u>, there shall be no charge for one piece per passenger. For additional pieces, there is a charge of fifty cents (\$.50) for each piece handled by the driver. Briefcases and parcels of comparable size shall not be considered luggage;
- (d) <u>Trunks or similar-sized large articles shall be charged at the rate of two dollars per piece (\$2.00)</u>. A trunk is a piece of baggage having a minimum dimension or cubic content in excess of 32 inches by 18 inches by 9 inches, or three (3) cubic feet, respectively;
- (e) <u>Personal service</u> shall be charged at the rate of two dollars (\$2.00). "Personal service" is any service requested by a passenger which requires the taxicab driver to leave the vicinity of the taxicab. No such charge shall be made for persons who are blind, handicapped or disabled;
- (f) <u>Delivery service</u> (messenger service and parcel pick-up and delivery) shall be at the same rate as for a single passenger unless the vehicle is hired by the hour:
- (g) <u>Small dogs or other small animals</u>, when securely enclosed in a box or basket designed for that purpose, may accompany a passenger without charge. Other animals not so enclosed may be carried at the discretion of the driver:
 - (1) If the driver agrees to carry a small dog or small animal which is not enclosed, there shall be a charge of one dollar (\$1.00);
 - (2) A driver may refuse to transport any passenger traveling with a small dog or other small animal if the driver notifies the passenger that he/she suffers from a diagnosed medical condition such as allergies and cannot travel with the small dog or other small animal in the vehicle; and
 - (3) No driver shall have a personal pet or animal of any kind in a vehicle for hire while holding the vehicle out for hire.
- (h) A <u>service animal</u> accompanying a passenger with a disability shall be carried without charge. The term "service animal" means a guide dog, a signal dog, or other animal trained to assist or perform tasks for the benefit of a passenger with a disability;
- (i) <u>Devices for the aid of a disabled person</u>, such as a folding wheelchair, when accompanying the passenger with a disability shall be carried without charge. No driver shall impose a personal service charge for loading or unloading such devices in or from a taxicab;

- (j) Where <u>an airport surcharge</u> is paid by the taxicab driver, that surcharge may be added to the fare of the trip; and
- (k) A taxicab employed on an hourly basis shall be \$25.00 for the first hour or fraction thereof and \$6.25 for each additional fifteen minutes or fraction thereof.
- (l) <u>Additional passenger</u> charge for groups of two or more passengers is one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per passenger;
- In cases where more than one passenger enters a taxicab at the same time on a prearranged basis (group riding) bound for different destinations, in addition to the applicable charges set out in this section, the fare shall be charged as follows:
 - (a) Whenever a passenger gets out, the fare shall be paid, the meter shall be reset, and the last passenger shall pay the remaining fee.
- For trips beyond the limits of the District of Columbia, the provisions in Subsection 801.5 will not apply.
- Any continuous trip where the point of origin and the destination are both within the limits of the District of Columbia shall not be considered a trip beyond the limits of the District though the shortest and most direct route requires traveling outside of the District's boundaries into a contiguous jurisdiction. For such a trip the meter shall be kept in the recording position throughout.
- As provided in § 808, shared riding is only allowed from Union Station at the discretion of a starter. Rates for shared riding shall be calculated in accordance with § 801.7.
- Where the taxicab operator accepts a credit card for Payment:
 - (a) There shall be no additional charge added to the fare for the use of a credit card;
 - (b) No minimum charge may be imposed for the use of a credit card to pay a fare;
 - (c) No service may be refused to any person desiring to use a credit card on the grounds that a trip will not exceed a minimum length or generate a minimum fare; and
 - (d) Any operator who accepts credit cards in payment of fares must have posted on a sign in a location that is conspicuous to all passengers the type of credit cards accepted for payment.

A sign approved by the Office of Taxicabs displaying passenger rates and charges shall be affixed to each taxicab on either the rear door window, rear vent window, or wrap around window and maintained in good conditions.

Section 802 is repealed

Section 803 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following: 803 CUSTOMER RECEIPTS FOR SERVICE

- A taxicab operator, when requested by a passenger or a person requesting messenger or parcel delivery service, shall give a receipt showing the following:
 - (a) Operator's name;
 - (b) Identification card number;
 - (c) Vehicle tag number;
 - (d) Time, date;
 - (e) The amount of the fare; and.
 - (f) Commission's complaint phone number.
- In the case of messenger or parcel delivery service, the driver shall provide a written invoice describing the article(s) to be transported.
- The operator shall retain a duplicate receipt for a period of one (1) year.

Subsection 804.1 is amended as follows:

During a snow emergency fare period, as declared by the Chairperson of the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission (Chairperson), the meter fare rate shall be 125% of the applicable regular fare.

Subsection 804.10 is amended as follows:

During snow emergency periods, there shall be prominently displayed on the back of the front seat of the taxicab, and pointed out to the passenger by the driver, a sign in size and form prescribed by the Office, which shall read as follows:

SNOW EMERGENCY FARE

DURING SNOW EMERGENCY PERIODS, AS DECLARED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAXICAB

COMMISSION, PASSENGERS SHALL PAY 125 PERCENT OF THE APPLICABLE REGULAR FARE, NOT INCLUDING ANY APPLICABLE EXTRA CHARGES OR SURCHARGES.

BEGINNING AND END OF SNOW EMERGENCY PERIODS WILL BE PUBLICIZED ON RADIO, TELEVISION OR IN NEWSPAPERS.

IF DISPUTES ARISE, THE PASSENGER(S) SHALL PAY THE FARE STATED BY THE DRIVER AND THE DRIVER MUST FURNISH A RECEIPT. THE PASSENGER(S) MAY FILE A COMPLAINT IN WRITING WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF PASSENGER RIGHTS POSTED IN THIS TAXICAB. THE COMPLAINT SHALL BE FILED WITH THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAXICAB COMMISSION, 2041 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AVENUE, S.E., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20020, (202) 645-6003.

Subsection 805.2 is amended as follows:

The passenger(s) disputing a snow emergency fare shall file a written explanation of the nature of the dispute, along with a copy of the receipt required by § 804.11, with the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission.

Section 808 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

808 GROUP RIDING AND SHARED RIDING

- Group riding for pre-formed groups, as defined in § 899, is permitted at all times. No driver shall refuse to engage in group riding at any time.
- Shared riding, as defined in § 899, is only permitted at Union Station at such times as are determined to be necessary to achieve adequate service by a starter employed or authorized by Union Station.
 - (a) The starter shall have the sole authority to determine when a taxicab shall depart after taking on passengers, except that after an initial passenger has been taken on, the starter shall not unreasonably delay the departure of the taxicab for the purpose of securing additional passengers;
 - (b) The general direction of the destination of the first passenger shall determine the general direction of that particular trip. Other passengers whose destinations lie generally in that direction may be transported to the extent of the designed capacity of the taxicab; and
 - (c) Passengers shall be discharged in the order of the arrival at their respective destinations. In the event any questions arise as to the order of arrival at any

destination, the question shall be resolved in favor of the passenger who entered the taxicab first.

(d) Passengers have the right to refuse shared riding.

Subsection 825.1 is amended as follows:

The civil infractions and their respective fine amounts set forth in this section do not include major moving violations.

INFRACTION	<u>FINE</u>
Accident Failure to report to insurance carrier within specified time	25.00
Air Conditioning Improperly operating system	100.00
Cruising Lights Broken Failure to have Failure to use	25.00 50.00 25.00
Curb Failure to pull to curb to pick up and discharge passenger(s)	25.00
DCTC License Failure to display Failure to have	100.00 500.00
Destination Asking in violation of § 819.9	25.00
Dirty Taxicab	50.00
Dress of Operator Unkempt or improperly dressed	25.00
Failure to Notify The Office of a change in information	25.00
Fares Failure to charge proper fare	150.00

Failure to give receipt upon request Refusing to pay Soliciting	150.00 25.00 25.00
Heating Improperly operating system Hubcaps and Wheel Covers Failure to have	100.00 25.00
Identification Cards Failure to display for passenger(s)	
view Operating without an identification	25.00
card Permitting the operation without an	500.00
identification card	500.00
Insignia Failure to have proper colors, number or insignia on vehicle	25.00
Loitering	25.00
Manifest Failure to have approved form in possession Failure to properly complete and maintain Failure to provide manifest to government agency Failure to provide meter statistics to government agency	25.00 25.00 100.00 1,000.00
No Smoking Violation of law	25.00
Orders of Enforcement Personnel Failure to obey an order of a Civilian Hack Inspector or other law enforcement personnel engaged in enforcement of taxicab laws and regulations	50.00
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More than 5 feet from cab

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Passenger Loading or unloading in crosswalk Overloading Refuse to haul Illegal Shared Ride	25.00 25.00 250.00 250.00
Property Failure to report property left in vehicle Rate Sticker Sign Failure to display	25.00 150.00
Seat Belts Failure to have mandatory use of seat belts signage	100.00
Sign Improper use of "Off Duty" Improper use of "On Call"	100.00 100.00
Speedometer or Odometer Defective	25.00
Taximeter Tampering with meter or seals Operating without meter	\$1,000.00 and suspension or revocation 1,000.00 and
Operating with non-functional meter Operating a cab with "off-size" wheels or tires	suspension or revocation 1,000.00 1,000.00 and suspension
Operating a cab with "under" or "over" inflated tires	
Unlicensed Operator D.C. resident Non-resident	500.00 500.00
Unlicensed Vehicle D.C. resident	500.00

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Subsections 825.2 is amended as follows:

- Appeals of civil infractions shall be considered by the Office of Administrative Hearings.
- In addition to the civil fine, failure to pay the fine or request a hearing within fifteen (15) calendar days of the issuance of a notice of infraction may result in the imposition of a penalty equal to the amount of the civil fine.
- Failure to appear for a requested hearing may result in the imposition of a penalty equal to twice the amount of the civil fine.
- 825.5 The civil fines set forth in this section shall be doubled for the second violation of the same infraction and shall be doubled once more for any subsequent violation or violations of the same infraction.

Section 899 (Definitions) is amended as follows:

Group Riding – the transportation of two (2) or more passengers whose trip has a common point of origin and different destinations.

Shared Riding – trips arranged by a starter at Union Station that involve the transportation of two (2) or more passengers with common or different destinations.

Appendices 8-1 and 8-2 of Chapter 8 are deleted.

Appendix 8-3 is amended by substituting an amended Taxi Driver's Daily Manifest Form (attached)

Chapter 10, subsection 1010.10 is amended as follows and shall be effective May 1, 2008:

The Department of Motor Vehicles, acting as agent for the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission, shall inspect taxicabs to ensure compliance with the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission's regulations concerning paint color(s), trade name, insignias, rate and passenger rights signs, meter seals, cruising lights, upholstery condition, and sanitation.

Chapter 11, subsection 1102.3 is amended as follows, and shall be effective May 1, 2008:

- 1102.3 A Commission or panel investigation may include, but is not limited to, an investigation into any of the following subjects:
 - (a) Rate studies;
 - (b) Review of the taximeter;
 - (c) Public education and awareness:

- (d) Education of taxicab operators and owners;
- (e) Enforcement activities; or
- (f) Discrimination in the taxicab industry.

Chapter 12, section 1299.1 is amended as follows, and shall be effective May 1, 2008:

1299.1 **Sedan** - a for-hire vehicle designed to carry fewer than six (6) passengers, excluding the driver, which charges for service on the basis of time and mileage.

A new Chapter 13 is added to 31 DCMR to read as follows:

CHAPTER 13 LICENSING AND OPERATIONS OF TAXI METER COMPANIES

Section

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1300 APPLICATION AND SCOPE

- This chapter shall be applicable to and governs all taximeter businesses in the District of Columbia.
- The provisions of this chapter shall be interpreted to comply with the language and intent of section 105 of the 2005 District of Columbia Omnibus and Authorization Act, approved October 16, 2006, 120 Stat. 2023, D.C. Official Code § 50-381(a) (2007 Repl.) and the "District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Establishment Act of 1985," as amended.

1301 UNLICENSED BUSINESS ACTIVITY PROHIBITED.

No person shall sell, install, repair, adjust, or calibrate taximeters or install or replace seals, wiring harnesses or other equipment relating to the operation of a taximeter or cruiser light for use upon any licensed taxicab in the District of Columbia without a valid taximeter business license issued by the Commission.

1302 TAXIMETER BUSINESS LICENSE – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The application for the initial and renewal of a taximeter business license shall be filed on a form provided by the Office of Taxicabs and shall contain a sworn and notarized statement that the information contained therein is true under penalty of perjury.

1302.2 License Application Requirements

- (a) An individual applicant for a taximeter business license shall meet the following requirements:
 - (1) Provide proof of identity in the form of a valid photo identification issued by the United States, any state or territory thereof, or any political subdivision of such state or territory; and a valid, original social security card;
 - (2) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age; and

- (3) Be of good moral character as reflected by the outcome of the report required in section (d) and in accordance with the guidelines in § 1001.12.
- (b) An applicant that is a partnership shall provide the following:
 - (1) A certified copy of the partnership certificate from the jurisdiction where the principal place of business is located.
 - (2) Each partner must satisfy the requirements for individual applicants set forth in § 1302.2.
- (c) An applicant that is a corporation shall provide the following:
 - (1) A certified copy of its certificate of incorporation with a filing receipt issued by the Mayor, if incorporated less than one year from the date of the license application or a certificate of good standing; or if incorporated more than one year from the date of the license application, or if not a District of Columbia corporation, a copy of the certificate of incorporation, filing receipt, and authority to do business within the District of Columbia;
 - (2) A list of its officers and shareholders, including names, residence addresses, telephone numbers, and percentage of ownership interest of each shareholder; and
 - (3) A certified copy of the minutes of the organizational meeting at which the current officers were elected.
- (d) Each of the following persons shall be fingerprinted, for purposes of securing criminal history records from the Federal Bureau of Investigation:
 - (1) Each individual applicant;
 - (2) Each partner of a partnership applicant;
 - (3) Each officer or shareholder of a corporate applicant; and
 - (4) Each person who has provided funds either individually, or as a principal of a partnership or corporation, whether such funds were provided by gift, loan or otherwise, in connection with the operation of the taximeter business, unless such provider is a licensed bank or loan company. The applicant shall pay any

processing fees required by the Office of Taxicabs or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

- (e) The Commission shall have the right to reject the proposed name of any taximeter business that is substantially similar to any name in use by another taximeter business licensee.
- (f) Each license expires two (2) years from the date of issuance.

1303 TAXIMETER BUSINESS LICENSE – BOND REQUIRED

- Each applicant for an initial taximeter business license or renewal license shall deposit with the Commission and shall keep in full force and effect throughout the license period, a bond in the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars, provided by one or more sureties approved by the Commission.
- Such bond shall be payable to the DC Treasurer and shall be conditioned on the licensee complying with all provisions of this title including, but not limited to, compliance with the Clean Hands Act and payment of any fines or judgments against said licensee by any court or administrative agency, including, but not limited to, the Office of Administrative Hearings for violations of this title.
- This bond shall remain in full force and effect for the term of the taximeter business license, and for one (1) year following the termination, non-renewal, or revocation of any license.

1304 TAXIMETER BUSINESS LICENSE – FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

- Each individual, partner, corporate shareholder or corporate officer applicant for a new or renewal taximeter business license shall file with the Commission a financial disclosure statement, to be submitted on a form provided by the Office of Taxicabs, which shall include but not be limited to identifying such individual's assets, liabilities, income, net worth, source of bank accounts and any investments a business licensed or regulated by the Commission or with an individual or entity who is a participant in a business licensed or regulated by the Commission.
- Each individual, partner, shareholder or officer of a taximeter business shall disclose to the Commission his interest, whether as owner, partner, officer, shareholder, director, lender or other creditor, in any licensed taxicab.

1305 TAXIMETER BUSINESS LICENSE – FEES

- Every application for a license to operate a taximeter business shall be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of five hundred dollars (\$500) to be deducted from the first bi-annual license fee of two thousand dollars (\$2,000).
- The license application fee and the license fee shall be payable by money order or by certified check and payable to the DC Treasurer.
- The bi-annual renewal license fee after the first license is one thousand and five hundred dollars (\$1,500) and is due on the anniversary of the issuance of the license.

1306 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – COMPLIANCE WITH LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

- If at any time during the term of the taximeter business license, the Chairman becomes aware that the licensee no longer meets the requirements for a taximeter business license, the Commission may suspend or revoke the license or deny any application for renewal.
- Nothing contained herein shall limit the authority of the Chairman to summarily suspend the license of any taximeter business where a threat to public health, safety or welfare exists.
- Appeals of-actions taken by the Commission pursuant to sections 1306.1, 1306.2 and 1331 shall be heard by the Office of Administrative Hearings

1307 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP

- A taximeter business owner shall not, without the prior consent of the Commission, transfer any interest in a taximeter business, including, but not limited to, the transfer of any ownership interest, or any agreement to transfer an ownership interest in the future.
- A taximeter business owner shall not, without prior notification and approval by the Commission, make any change in location, mailing address, corporate name, trade name, corporate officers, or any other material deviation from the description of the taximeter business as stated in the original or renewal application.

1308 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS

- A licensee shall obtain and keep in full force and effect all licenses and permits required by the District or federal laws.
- A licensee shall comply with all applicable Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) standards and requirements at the licensee's place of business, as well as all other Federal and District laws governing the conduct of its business.
- A licensee shall pay any fines, fees, and/or taxes owed by it to the federal or District government.
- A licensee shall comply with all workers' compensation and disability benefits laws, and all federal laws regarding the withholding of taxes and payment of FICA and other withholding taxes.

1309 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – FEES CHARGED BY LICENSEES

- A licensee shall file with the Commission a schedule of current fees for all services related to the sale, repair, installation and calibration of taximeters, including, but not limited to, inspections, tests, adjustments, installations, corrections, or repairs.
- Any change in fees shall be filed with the Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled date of said change in fees.
- A taximeter business owner shall not engage in any business unless a current schedule of inspection and repair charges, including hourly rates, if applicable, is prominently displayed to the public on the business premises.
- A taximeter business owner shall not publicly display any fee schedule until after it has been filed with the Commission.

1310 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT

- 1310.1 A taximeter business licensee shall meet the following requirements at all times:
 - (a) Be located within an area zoned for this business activity;
 - (b) Be of sufficient size to simultaneously accommodate at least three (3) vehicles of the type(s) and model(s) licensed by the Commission;
 - (c) Have sufficient illumination and space in inspection, testing, and calibration areas to enable proper inspections and tests required by these regulations; and
 - (d) Have all signs required by law and these rules.

- A taximeter business licensee may not use temporary structures that are not described in the certificate of occupancy for the premises.
- No installation, adjustment, correction, calibration, or repairs of any type may be performed on a public street or any facility other than the taximeter business premises.
- A taximeter business shall be equipped with, at a minimum, the equipment required by the Commission for the repair and installation of taximeters.

1311 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

1311.1 A taximeter business owner shall properly maintain all equipment required by the Commission, or any other equipment required by law or regulation, in good working order, and in such a manner that an inspection, test, or calibration may be conducted in conformity with these rules.

A taximeter business shall not conduct any test, calibration, or installation using equipment that is not in good working order.

1312 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – SIGNAGE ON PREMISES

- A "licensed taximeter business" sign, bearing the taximeter business license number and meeting the specifications of the Commission, shall, at all times, be hung or mounted on the outside of the premises in such a manner that it is easily visible to the public from outside the building.
- A taximeter business owner shall not display a "licensed taximeter business" sign if its taximeter business license, or any other necessary license, is expired, suspended or revoked or if it never was licensed.
- Each licensed taximeter business shall have affixed to the inside of the glass window thereon, to be clearly legible from the outside, a printed sign bearing its business name, license number, and the Commission's complaint telephone number.

1313 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – PERSONAL CONDUCT

A taximeter business owner or his representative, while performing duties and responsibilities as a licensed taximeter business, shall not commit or attempt to commit, alone or in concert with another, any act of fraud, misrepresentation, or larceny.

- Examples of fraud, larceny or misrepresentation include, but are not limited to:
 - (a) Calibration of a fare other than that set by the Commission;
 - (b) Adjustment of the tire size, driving axle, pinion gear, transducer, wiring, or other equipment, for the purpose of generating an inaccurate signal of time or distance into the taximeter; or
 - (c) The manufacture, sale or installation of any device which is either designed to or does generate a false or inaccurate signal into the taximeter.
- A taximeter business owner or his representative shall not perform any willful act of omission or commission, which is against the best interest of the public, even if not specifically prohibited by these rules.

1314 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED

- A taximeter business owner shall not use or permit any other person to use his business premises or office of record for any unlawful purpose.
- A taximeter business owner shall not conceal any evidence of a crime connected with his business premises or office of record.
- A taximeter business owner shall report immediately to the Commission and the police any attempt to use his business premises to commit a crime.
- A taximeter business owner shall not file with the Commission any statement, including but not limited to statements required to be filed pursuant to these rules, which he or she knows or reasonably should know to be false, misleading, deceptive or materially incomplete.

1315 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – NOTIFICATION OF CRIMINAL CONVICTION OR OTHER CHANGE IN LICENSE CONDITIONS

- A taximeter business owner, including a member of a partnership or any officer or shareholder of a corporation, shall notify the Commission in writing of his/her conviction for a crime within fifteen (15) days of such conviction, and he or she shall deliver to the Commission a certified copy of the certificate of disposition issued by the clerk of the court within fifteen (15) days of conviction.
- In accordance with § 1307.2, a taximeter business owner shall notify the Commission of any material change in the information contained on such owner's latest taximeter business license application or renewal.

1316 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – NOTIFICATION OF ANY LICENSE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION

A taximeter business owner shall immediately notify the Commission in writing of any suspension or revocation of any license granted to the licensee, or any other person acting on his behalf, by any agency of the District of Columbia or federal government.

1317 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – BRIBERY PROHIBITED

- A taximeter business owner or any person acting on his behalf shall not offer or give any gift, gratuity, or thing of value to any employee, representative, or member of the Commission, or any public servant.
- A taximeter business owner or any person acting on his behalf or during the scope of his or her employment with said taximeter business owner, shall immediately report to the Commission and the Inspector General any request or demand for a gift, gratuity or thing of value by any employee, representative or member of the Commission or any public servant.
- A taximeter business owner or any person acting on his behalf shall not accept any gift, gratuity, or thing of value from an owner or driver of any vehicle licensed by the Commission, or any individual or any other person actually or purportedly acting on behalf of such owner or driver for the purpose of omitting an act required by these rules or committing any violation of these rules.
- A taximeter business owner shall notify the Commission immediately and in writing within twenty-four (24) hours thereafter of any offer of a gift or gratuity prohibited by § 1317.1.

1318 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – THREATENING, HARASSING OR ABUSIVE CONDUCT PROHIBITED

- A taximeter business owner, while performing his duties and responsibilities as a licensee, shall not:
 - (a) Threaten, harass, or abuse any governmental or Commission representative, public servant, or other person; and
 - (b) Use or attempt to use any physical force against a Commission representative, public servant or any other person.

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- A taximeter business owner shall, at all times, cooperate with all law enforcement officers and representatives of the Commission.
- A taximeter business owner shall answer and comply as directed with all questions, communications, notices, directives, and summonses from the Commission or its representatives.
- A licensee shall produce his/her Commission license and/or other documents whenever the Commission requires.

1320 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – LIABILITY FOR CONDUCT OF EMPLOYEES

- A taximeter business owner shall supervise and be responsible for the conduct of all its employees, contractors or agents, for the activities including, but not limited to, the sale, installation, inspection, testing, and calibration of taximeters.
- A taximeter business owner shall ensure that all employees are fully familiar with the rules and regulations contained herein, as well as any other pertinent regulatory agency rules and regulations.
- To this end, a taximeter business shall employ only such persons who have been certified as taximeter technicians by a taximeter manufacturer to perform any installation, testing, repair or calibration of the taximeter on which work is being performed:
 - (a) Any work involving a taximeter, including, but not limited to, installation, inspection, calibration, and repair shall be performed by a technician certified by the taximeter manufacturer; and
 - (b) The certified technician shall be responsible for maintaining all records required by the Commission and shall place his signature on all inspection, testing, repair or other reports prepared by him.
- A taximeter business owner shall ensure that all employees perform their duties in compliance with all relevant federal and District laws, rules, and regulations.
- A taximeter business shall furnish to the Commission, upon licensure or renewal, the names of all certified taximeter technicians employed by it and shall notify the Commission in writing of any changes in the employment of certified taximeter technicians.

1321 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – LIABILITY FOR TAMPERING OR ALTERATION

- By installing a seal on a taximeter, the taximeter business certifies that the taximeter has been tested and calibrated in accordance with these rules.
- A taximeter business owner shall be strictly liable for the tampering of a meter that is sealed with an unbroken seal issued by a taximeter business.
- By testing, installing or calibrating a taximeter, the taximeter business certifies that at the time of such installation, testing or calibration, it has:
 - (a) Examined and found the wiring harness leading from the taximeter to the speed sensor is of one (1) piece construction with no intervening connectors, splices, "Y" connections, or direct or indirect interruptions of any kind whatsoever, and
 - (b) Examined the pinion gear seal and has determined that it is properly sealed.

1322 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – DUTY TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSION

- A taximeter business shall notify the Commission by telephone immediately, and in writing within twenty-four (24) hours, of any of the following occurrences:
 - (a) A taximeter which the taximeter business knows or has reason to know has been reported to the Commission as lost or stolen has been presented to the taximeter business for installation, repair, adjustment or calibration;
 - (b) A taximeter has been presented for installation, repair, adjustment or calibration on which one or more seals are removed, damaged, broken or tampered with;
 - (c) A person whom the taximeter business owner knows or should have known to be a licensee of the Commission, or to be acting on behalf of a licensee, has requested that the taximeter business engage in any activity prohibited by these rules;
 - (d) A person whom the taximeter business owner knows or should have known to be a licensee of the Commission, or to be acting on behalf of a licensee, has attempted to repair, or connect any unauthorized device to, any taximeter, seal, cable connection or electrical wiring, which may have affected the operation of a taximeter; and

- (e) The taximeter business discovers the existence of any intervening connections, splices, "Y" connections or direct or indirect interruptions or connections of any kind whatsoever.
- Any notice required to be provided to the Commission hereunder shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:
 - (a) The taxicab name and number and vehicle tag number;
 - (b) The name(s) and license number(s), if any, of the driver(s) who presented the vehicle to the taximeter business;
 - (c) The date of the inspection or repair; and
 - (d) A detailed description of the taximeter as described in section 1322.1(a).

1323 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – SEALS

- Installation of a taximeter shall include the affixing of security seals to the taximeter as required by the Commission. Only seals which have been authorized and approved by the Commission shall be used by a taximeter business. The security seals shall be installed in a manner prescribed by the Commission, and in such manner that the security seals self-destruct when the taximeter or sealed part of the vehicle is disassembled.
- Each seal shall be numbered and the taximeter business shall keep a record of each seal used. Seals must be used in consecutive numerical order, and any seal not used must be accounted for. The record of seals shall be available for inspection by the Commission as set forth herein. The record shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:
 - (a) The seal number;
 - (b) The number of the taximeter in which the seal was installed;
 - (c) The name and number of the taxicab in which the taximeter was installed;
 - (d) The date the seal was installed;
 - (e) The date and seal number of any seal removed;
 - (f) The reason for installing any new seal; and

- (g) The wheel and tire size at the time of inspection and the recommended tire pressure.
- No taximeter business shall install a seal on a taximeter without removing all seals installed by another meter shop, whether or not broken.
- Each taximeter business shall maintain on its business premises either a fireproof safe secured to the floor of the establishment or a locked, secured room secured by an alarm connected to a centralized monitoring facility, for the storage of seals and taximeter repair records.
- Each taximeter business shall maintain and file with the Commission a description of the procedures used by it to prevent the loss, theft, destruction or misuse of taximeter seals.
- A taximeter business shall not install a meter or seal in a taxicab that it owns or with which it is affiliated.

1324 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – REQUIRED INSPECTIONS

- A taximeter shall be inspected by the taximeter business whenever it is installed, repaired, or calibrated. Inspection shall include examination of the taximeter installation and operation to verify compliance with:
 - (a) The taximeter specifications, type approvals, tolerances, and all other requirements of the commission, including, but not limited to a measured mile run test;
 - (b) The rate of fare established by the Commission;
 - (c) The standards set forth in the sections of the taxicab owners' rules regarding taximeters; and
 - (d) All other applicable federal and District regulations and guidelines.
- This section shall not apply to repairs which are made exclusively to the printing mechanism or the resetting of the date and/or time on the printer receipt.

1325 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – OTHER REPAIR LIMITATIONS

A taximeter business owner shall not perform any work on a taximeter, including, but not limited to, inspection, testing, calibration, or repair, if:

- (a) No valid vehicle license from the Commission is presented unless the taximeter is not for use in a taxicab licensed by the Commission;
- (b) The taximeter serial number is deleted, defaced, or otherwise altered:
- (c) The vehicle is licensed by the Commission and the taximeter make, model or serial number appears on the Commission vehicle license or rate card, and the commission has not otherwise authorized the use of that taximeter;
- (d) The taximeter business licensee knows or should know that the taximeter presented for testing was reported lost or stolen to the Commission or any other law enforcement agency; or
- (e) The taximeter business licensee has not obtained from the owner or driver of the vehicle, or his agent, a written consent to perform any work on the taximeter.

1326 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – RECORD OF TAXIMETER TESTS

- The taximeter business owner shall record the results of any inspections or tests, and the taximeter make, model, and serial number on a form, prescribed by the Office of Taxicabs, which the taximeter business licensee shall submit to the Commission within seven (7) days of such inspection.
- Upon a determination that a taximeter has passed an inspection, the taximeter business owner, in addition to complying with § 1326.1, shall affix a certification sticker, prescribed and approved by the Office of Taxicabs, to the taximeter. Any certification sticker shall not be re-affixed to the taximeter if removed.
- A taximeter business owner shall provide for the safekeeping of certification stickers, shall control their sequence of issuance, and shall ensure that such stickers are placed only on taximeters in accordance with these regulations.
- When a taximeter is installed in preparation for "hack-up," the taximeter business owner, in addition to complying with § 1326.1 and §1326.2 shall:
 - (a) Prepare a vehicle "hack up" certification form approved by the Office of Taxicabs at the completion of the preparatory work for vehicle "hack-up";

- (b) Submit to the Commission, within 24 hours, all documents relating to the installation and inspection of such taximeter; and
- (c) Provide the vehicle owner with an itemized list of all work performed in preparation for "hack-up."

1327 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – REPAIR WORK AFTER TEST FAILURE PROHIBITED

- No taximeter business owner shall, as a condition of performing any test or other work, require a vehicle driver or owner to undertake any repair work at his business. He shall inform the owner or driver that he may select another licensed taximeter business to perform a repair.
- No taximeter business owner shall direct a vehicle owner to utilize any other taximeter business to perform said repair work.

1328 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – OVERCHARGES PROHIBITED

A licensed taximeter business shall not charge fees for any work involving taximeters in excess of the fees set by its fee schedule, which shall be filed with the Commission and shall be publicly displayed pursuant to § 1309 of these rules.

1329 TAXIMETER BUSINESS – SALE OF TAXIMETERS

- A taximeter business owner shall only sell and install taximeters for use in a District of Columbia licensed taxicab that have been approved by the Commission.
- A taximeter business owner shall not sell a taximeter for use in a taxicab licensed by the Commission unless a valid vehicle license from the Commission is presented.
- A taximeter business owner shall not sell a taximeter for use in a Commission licensed vehicle unless the installation, testing and certification of the taximeter/vehicle assembly is performed by the taximeter business licensee or an employee thereof.
- A taximeter business owner shall report to the Commission, within seven (7) days, all sales, trades or exchanges of taximeters by the licensed taximeter business on a form prescribed by the Commission.

1329.5	A taximeter business owner shall inform all purchasers in writing, before the sale takes place, of any and all restrictions imposed by the taximeter manufacturer and/or taximeter business licensee regarding the testing, repairs, calibration and installation of the taximeter.
1329.6	A taximeter business owner shall remove, deface, or otherwise void the validity of the certification sticker upon receipt of a taximeter purchased, exchanged, or accepted in trade by the taximeter business licensee, and report such decertification to the Commission.
1329.7	The certification sticker must conform to all specifications established by the Commission and bear the name of the Chairperson of the Commission.
1329.8	All installations of taximeters in taxicabs license to operate in the District of Columbia must be in accordance with specifications which have been filed with and approved by the Commission.
1329.9	No change in the method of installation shall be made unless the installation method has been filed with and approved by the Commission.
1330	TAXIMETER BUSINESS – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING
1330.1	A taximeter business owner shall comply with all record keeping procedures established by the Office of Taxicabs. All records required to be kept by the Office of Taxicabs shall be in the form and manner prescribed by the Office of Taxicabs and must be maintained for a period of five (5) years.
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A taximeter business owner shall permit any agent of the Commission or any law 1330.7 enforcement official to inspect any portion of its business premises at any time.

TAXIMETER BUSINESS – PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS 1331

1331.1 The schedule below lists penalties for violations of requirements of specified sections of this Chapter.

Section		Penalty
1301	Unlicensed business activity	\$250
1305	Failure to pay bi-annual license fee	\$500 / Suspension after 30 days overdue
1307.1	Failure to notify Commission	\$5,000
1309	Change in fee schedule without notification	\$500
1310.3	Installation, adjustment, correction, calibration or repair of taximeter outside of premises of licensed taximeter business	\$500
1312	Failure to comply with signage requirements	\$250
1313	Fraud	\$25,000 and license revocation
1314	Unlawful Activities	\$25,000 and license revocation
1315	Failure to Notify	\$1,000
1316	Failure to notify	\$1,000
1317.1	Bribery of Commission	\$25,000 and
1317.2	Failure to report	license revocation \$10,000
1317.3	Acceptance of bribe	\$25,000 and
1317.4	Failure to notify Commission \$	license revocation 10,000
1318	Threats, harassment, or abuse	\$10,000 and license revocation

1319	Failure to cooperate with Commission	\$500	
1320	Work by Non-Certified Technician	\$500	
1322	Failure to notify Commission	\$1,000	
1324	Installation without inspection	\$1,000	
1325	Unauthorized work	\$5,000	
1326	Defective certification/inspection	\$1,000	
1327	Requiring repair work	\$1,000	
1328	Overcharge	\$250	
1329	Sale of unapproved meter for installation on a taxicab licensed by the DCTC	\$500	
1330	Failure to keep appropriate records	\$100 per record	
1331.2	The civil fines set forth in this section shall be doubled for the second violation of the same infraction, and shall be doubled once more for any subsequent violation or violations of the same infraction.		
1331.3	Appeals of civil infractions shall be considered by the Office of Administrative Hearings.		
1331.3	In addition to the civil fine, failure to pay the fine or request a hearing within fifteen (15) calendar days of the issuance of a notice of infraction may result in the imposition of a penalty equal to the amount of the civil fine.		
1331.3.1	Failure to appear for a requested hearing may result in the imposition of a penalty equal to twice the amount of the civil fine.		

DEFINITIONS 1399

1399.1 The words and phrases in this chapter shall have the meaning as set forth below:

Applicant – An individual, partnership or corporation seeking a taximeter business license from the Commission.

Commission – The DC Taxicab Commission.

Driver – A person licensed by the Commission to drive a licensed DC taxicab in the District of Columbia.

Hack-up – To outfit a vehicle as a taxicab and obtain approval from the Commission for that vehicle to serve as a taxicab for the first time.

Mailing address – The address designated by an applicant or licensee for the receipt of all notices and correspondence from the Commission. Unless otherwise approved in advance, the mailing address of a taximeter business licensee shall be the street address of the business. **Owner** – An individual, partnership, limited liability company or corporation licensed by the Commission to own and operate a taxicab or taxicabs.

Rate of fare – The established fare which may be charged by a licensed taxicab, which fare has been promulgated by the Commission, and which fare may include, but is not limited to surcharges and waiting times.

Seal – A device, approved by the Commission, which may be installed on a taximeter, wire, wiring mechanism, gear or other device, so that no adjustment, repair, alteration or replacement can be made without removing or mutilating the seal or seals.

Taximeter – An instrument or device approved by the Commission by which the charge to a passenger for hire of a licensed taxicab is automatically calculated and on which such charge is plainly indicated.

Taximeter business – Any business which engages, in whole or in part, in the manufacture, sale (whether of new or used equipment), installation, repair, adjustment, testing, sealing or calibrating of taximeters, for use upon any licensed vehicle in the District of Columbia including any business which engages in whole or in part in the installation of taxicab cruiser lights.

Taximeter business owner – An individual, partnership or corporation licensed by the Commission to own and operate a taximeter business.

Taximeter test (sometimes alternatively referred to as "test") – Shall mean a method to determine compliance with distance and time tolerances, utilizing either a road test over a precisely measured road course or a simulated road test determining the distance traveled by use of a roller device, or by computation from rolling circumference and wheel-turn data, said test having been conducted in accordance with the National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook No. 44.

Wiring harness – Any wire or collection of wires, including all connections thereto, which is connected in any manner whatsoever to a taximeter or in any way affects the operation of a taximeter.

Repeal Subject Index reference as follows:

Zone charts§§ 801.1, 801.2

Any person desiring to file written comments on the Commissioner's proposed rulemaking action must do so not later than five (5) days after the publication of this notice in the District of Columbia Register. Comments should be filed with Leon Swain, Chairperson, District of Columbia Taxi Commission, 2041 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, S.E., Suite 204, Washington, D.C. 20020. Copies of the proposed rulemaking may be obtained by writing to the above address.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY AND PROPOSED RULEMAKING

DOCKET NO. 08-07-IPMA

The Director of the Department of Transportation, pursuant to the authority in sections 3, 5(3), and 6 of the Department of Transportation Establishment Act of 2002, effective May 21, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-137; D.C. Official Code §§ 50-921.02, 50-21.04(3) and 50-921.05); Mayor's Order 2007-179 (June 12, 2002); and sections 6(a)(1), 6(a)(6) and 6(b) of the District of Columbia Traffic Act, approved March 3, 1925 (43 Stat. 1121; D.C. Official Code § 50-2201.03(a)(1), (a)(6) and (b)), hereby gives notice of the adoption, on an emergency basis, of amendments to Title 18, "Vehicle and Traffic Regulations," Chapter 40, "Traffic Signs And Restrictions At Specific Locations." The amendments will establish a "No Standing or Parking, 7AM-9:30AM; 4P.M.-6:30P.M., Monday-Friday" restriction on the west side of the 3300 block of 14th Street N.W.; replace the 2-and 3-hour meters with ½-hour or 1-hour meters; establish a taxicab stand in the first layby south of Park Road N.W. on the west side of the 3100 block of 14th Street N.W.; and establish a "No Parking Entrance" restriction in the second layby on the west side of the 3100 block of 14th Street N.W.

Emergency rulemaking action is necessary due to a significant increase in traffic congestion in the area. By limiting parking on the blocks listed herin, the Director seeks to reduce trafic congestion and improve safety conditions for pedestrians and cyclists, as traffic conditions have created a health hazard for pedestrians and cyclists.

This emergency rulemaking is effective immediately on the date of publication in the <u>D.C. Register</u>. The emergency rulemaking will expire in 120 days from the date of publication in the <u>D.C. Register</u>, or upon publication of a Notice of Final Rulemaking in the <u>D.C. Register</u>, whichever occurs first.

The Director also gives notice of intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt this amendment in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the <u>D.C. Register</u>.

A. Title 18 DCMR, Section 4019, **PARKING RESTRICTIONS**, Subsection 4019.13, (a) Northwest Section, is amended by adding the following to the list of locations where parking is to be limited as specified:

14th Street N.W.

From Park Road to Irving Street, first layby north of Irving Street on the west side, "No Parking Entrance."

B. Title 18 DCMR, Section 4023, **PARKING METER ZONES**, Subsection 4023.2, (a) Northwest Section, is amended by adding the following to the list of locations where parking is to be limited as specified:

14th Street N.W.

From Harvard Street to Columbia Road, on the east side, "One Hour Parking, 7:00a.m.-8:30p.m., Monday-Saturday."

From Harvard Street to Columbia Road, on the west side, "One Hour Parking, 7:00a.m.-8:30p.m., Monday-Saturday."

From Irving Street to Columbia Road, on the west side, "30-Minute Parking, 7:00a.m.-8:30p.m., Monday-Saturday."

From Irving Street to Kenyon Street, on the east side, "30-minute Parking, 7:00a.m.-8:30p.m., Monday-Saturday."

From Park Road to Irving Street, on the west side, "30-Minute Parking, 7:00a.m.-8:30p.m., Monday-Saturday."

From Park Road to Monroe Street, on the east side, "One Hour Parking, 7:00a.m.-8:30p.m., Monday-Saturday."

From Monroe Street to Park Road, on the west side, "One Hour Parking, 9:30a.m.-4:00p.m., Monday-Saturday."

C. Title 18 DCMR, Section 4023, **PARKING METER ZONES**, Subsection 4023.3, (a) Northwest Section, is amended by deleting the following:

14th Street, N.W.

From Harvard Street to Columbia Road, on the east side, "Two-Hour Parking, 7a.m.-6:30p.m., Monday-Friday"

From Irving Street to Columbia Road, on the west side, "Two-Hour Parking, 9:30a.m.-6:30p.m., Monday-Friday"

D. Title 18 DCMR, Section 4023, **PARKING METER ZONES**, Subsection 4023.4, (a) Northwest Section, is amended by deleting the following:

14th Street N.W.

From Park Road to Monroe Street, on the east side "Three-hour Parking, 9a.m.-6:30p.m., Monday-Friday"

From Monroe Street to Park Road, on the west side, "Three-hour Parking, 9a.m.-6:30p.m., Monday-Friday"

E. Title 18 DCRM, Section 4026, **TAXICAB STAND**, Subsection 4026.1, (a) Northwest Section, is amended by adding the following to the list of locations where parking is to be limited as specified:

14th Street N.W.

From Park Road to Irving Street, first layby south of Park Road on the west side, "No Parking Taxicab Stand."

F. Title 18 DCMR, Section 4038, NO STANDING OR PARKING RESTRICTIONS, Subsection 4038.1, (a) Northwest Section, is amended by adding the following to the list of locations where parking is to be limited as specified:

14th Street N.W.

From Park Road to Monroe Street, on the west side, "No Standing or Parking, 7:00a.m.-9:30a.m.; 4:00p.m.-6:30p.m., Monday-Friday."

All persons interested in commenting on the subject matter of this emergency and proposed rulemaking action may file comments, in writing, with Charles Whalen, Parking Operations Specialist, Transportation Operations Administration, District Department of Transportation, 64 New York Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. Comments must be received no later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice in the <u>D.C. Register</u>. Copies of this proposal may be obtained, at cost, by writing to the above address. Copies of this proposal are available, at cost, by writing to the above address.